

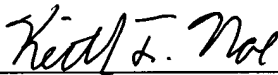


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MATERIAL IN A STENCIL PRINTER  
Examiner: J. Culler  
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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (3 pgs.);
- ☒ PTO Form 1449 (in duplicate - 1 pg.);
- ☒ References Cited (A11, B1-B5 and C1);
- ☒ Check No. 2361 in the amount of \$180.00 for IDS filing fee; and
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50/2762; Ref. No. M2010-700119. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

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**STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF  
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicants request consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

**PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed after the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311 and is being filed on or before payment of an Issue Fee. The Applicants hereby state, as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart for this application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

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#### PART II: Information Cited

The Applicants hereby make of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed search report from a corresponding International or Foreign National Application.

#### PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified):

Cite No. B1, which is a non-English reference, was cited in the International Search Report mailed on July 12, 2005, submitted herewith as Cite No. C1.

#### PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
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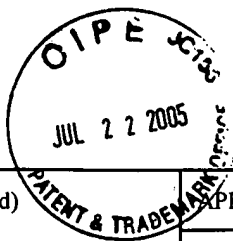
Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicants, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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#### OTHER ART — NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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\*a copy of this reference is not provided as it was previously cited by or submitted to the office in a prior application, Serial No. \_\_, filed \_\_, and relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120 (continuation, continuation-in-part, and divisional applications).

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